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SPIRIT HABITATION, OR PLANETARY LIFE.

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IN SPIRIT LIFE.

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Many of our readers who have read our remarks on the subject of Re-incarnation will, perhaps, wonder how we are to harmonize the theory of Re-incarnation with that of Physiology, which is claimed by Scientists, to be the governing force of all Animal species.

To such, we will here state that the Re-incarnation of Soul power in matter is in direct keeping with the Law of Evolution, which holds the mastery over the Physical Law of Nature. Because, by the aid of mental force, which is a law by itself, the Soul is enabled to again manifest itself thro' matter.

As we have previously stated, there are various degrees and methods of Re-incarnation.

What is more familiarly known as spirit entrancement, is one degree of temporary Re-incarnation of Soul.

Then, too, there is that degree wherein the Soul amalgamates with another, and together these two Souls, becoming as one Soul, live out an existence upon the earth Sphere.

But the degree wherein the Soul taketh upon itself the form of flesh from the embryo stage of life, is, perhaps, the very hardest for mortals to comprehend. And is, to the casual thinker, impossible, and contrary to the laws of Creation.

But such persons are, mentally, laboring in the dark, for they measure the Psychic or Soul laws of being, the same as by the laws of physical things.

One must have become a student or observer of Psychic force ere he or she can discriminate between the action of the Soul upon matter, and the action of matter upon the Soul.

We have previously stated the *modus operandi* by which the Soul may again Re-incarnate itself in the unborn infant of earthly parentage. Yet, for the benefit of the present reader, we will again state that when a Soul being requires and desires to again take upon itself the form of earthly life, by protracted Re-incarnation, it is enabled to do so by the following process:—

By impressing two mortals—male and female—to cohabit at the exact time when the proto forces of their natures would be most likely to unite and form a new organism.

In this degree, the spirit, desiring to again inhabit an earthly body to work out upon the Earth Plane a desired, and, in many cases, necessary existence, will subjugate the *Will-force* of both the male and female selected as physical operators, to the *motive or Will* of the operating spirit, thus gaining *absolute control of the germinating atoms before life is begun*; and, thereby, *Re-incarnates* its motives, its Soul-essence in the new physical organism.

In a case like this, the new being does not derive its Soul-essence from the physical parents, and is, therefore, no more allied to them, than as if it had never known them, save in the physical magnetic properties, which will become absolutely changed as time and growth proceed; because the Soul-essence, the motive-force, the being itself will desire elements and an existence wholly foreign to the earthly parents.

Many brilliant minds of earth are begotten in this same way.

These facts should be better known by mortals. And for this reason, we in spirit life continue in our work of enlightening the minds of earthly beings, thereby, enabling and encouraging the denizens of earth to be more considerate and just in their judgment and treatment of both mother and child, when a child is born outside of what earthly law terms legitimate.

We, in spirit, have all due respect for the laws of earth, when said laws

are in keeping with the higher laws of Nature, which are of the Soul and spirit growth.

There is nothing low nor vulgar in Nature, neither in the spirit nor in the Soul of things: but the habits and customs of ignorance, and the perversion of good in the Past, have engendered, in the refined brains of mortals, feelings of repulsion and aversion.

These feelings gave place to methods of severity as a remedy for the unchaste and defiled advantages which man, thro' his superior physical strength, gained over his helpmate—woman. Thus the monogamic custom of male and female union was established as a law of a Country and its people.

The true meaning of monogamic marriage is, that one man and one woman shall observe strictly the conjugal contract made between themselves.

It does not imply that they shall observe this contract as long as they live, but that while it shall be, to them, a contract, it shall be strictly kept by both the man and the woman—thus prohibiting promiscuous coition among the sexes.

This, in our understanding of Nature, is the highest and purest relationship, and is sure to lead to a refined spiritual growth of all human beings.

Yet, as we look upon the earth, to-day, how comparatively few do we see who rightfully understand the true meaning and use of this monogamic system of male and female union; how few there are who can realize the delicate relationship of the man toward the woman in this monogamic relationship, compared to the multitudes who simply recognize that a monogamic marrying gives the license to free, passionate indulgences under the head of man and wife.

And these same persons who, perchance, are violating the laws of love, honor, virtue, and chastity under the seal of lawful marriage, will be, and are, the first to spurn, degrade, and punish some poor victim who has obeyed the law of attraction and reciprocity in a congenial mate of the opposite sex, and this, outside of the seal of the law of the Country in which they abide.

These things are the momentous evils of the Nineteenth Century.

They are the outgrowth of a false education concerning the relation of the sexes, which has been handed down from generation to generation, until it is considered, by the average mind, to be a sure sign of moral depravity, if the subject of marriage, and of the relation of the sexes be introduced before the public, even for reformation and enlightenment thereon.

Yet, the development of the spiritual movement, by the minority, demands that the majority shall recognize the higher impetus of life, and the laws allied thereto.

The spiritual movement demands that mortals shall live a purer life; that men and women shall live more on a plane of equality; that they shall recognize that a monogamic marriage does not mean a license for *monogamic prostitution*, but that it does mean that one man and one woman shall live as man and wife so long as they can deal in justice and equity with each other: that the law has no power to hold them together when love, respect, and the consideration of each other's rights shall have ceased to abide with them: that the absence of these virtues renders the marriage contract null and void: and that each hour in which they do longer thus dwell together, stamps upon them and their offspring the seal of *Soul prostitution*.

These are facts, not fancies; and this should be the basis on which marriage should be solemnized by the law of the land.

The spiritual movement demands, thro' the law of justice, that the rigidity of the penal laws of earth be modified; and that while judging the acts of the people, especially in relation to mothers and their illegitimate offspring, there shall not be meted out to them, banishment from society, moral branding, and contempt, while the male participant therein goes free; but that there shall be institutions for these same unfortunates, where the laws of spirit control, and of mind over matter shall be taught to both sexes; where both sexes shall be taught the value of subduing their

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RELIGIOUS AIDS.

Continued from July Issue.

Padlock for the Mouth.

Only those sentenced to death, and, principally, blasphemers, were tortured by this instrument, which was applied for the purpose of forcibly keeping the mouth wide open and gradually tearing the jaws apart; besides, an instrument attached, was used to tear the tongue out of the mouth, previous to execution. Doubtless, to prevent any declaration of innocence, by the victim. Hundreds suffered this ordeal.

Head Ring.

This instrument was used by the Inquisition, and was designed to cause its victims the most dreadful pains, being placed round the head and closely screwed. The mere pressure by the hand, of this instrument, which, in cases of lesser torture, was lined with round balls, but, in greater tortures, with iron thorns, caused the most excruciating pains on the bones of the skull. Horrible, this must have been, when the screws were so closely set-up by the hand of the executioner, as, in many instances, to entirely separate the bones of the skull.

The Head Ring of the first degree of torture, which was supplied with balls, was used by temporal powers, but the thorns only would satisfy the "Spiritual fiend."

Iron Boot or Torture Boot.

This was an iron mould, the shape of a boot. The victim was bound by the shoulders, by means of straps, to a block, the right foot was placed in the boot and fastened to it, and boiling tar was cast, with a spoon, into the boot, so that the foot and leg were fearfully sealded.

Many an unfortunate had to suffer from the results of these Religious tortures until relieved by death.

The Leg Screw, also known as the Spanish Boot

Was an iron instrument to completely encase the leg and foot, and its interior surface was lined with blunt iron tacks, which caused ineffable pains in the upper part of the leg, being, withal, very sensitive. It was in two parts and drawn together with screws operated by keys. Fifteen minutes was the usual length of torture, but the leg and foot were often crushed, and the victim ruined for life.

The Foot Screw

Was another mode of torture, and consisted of two iron plates, drawn together by shackles, preventing a circulation of the blood, dislocating the bones, and causing the victim untold suffering.

The Thumb Screw

Was so constructed that both thumbs could be placed between each of four tacks, a fifth was situated in the center of the upper and lower iron plates. The one in the upper center was screwed on the root of the nail, causing a most fearful pain, and driving the blood from under the nails.

The Spanish "Our Father"

Was an instrument consisting of six flat staffs, which were bored thro'

with two round staffs. In the center of the smooth track was a screw, with which the "Father" was adjusted.

The victim had to place his fingers between these staffs, and in this form (praying form) they were screwed together.

This was an intricate and refined mode of torture, but none the less hellish.

The Finger Trap

Was applied at the trial, and the victim's second finger of the right hand was placed, by the executioner, on the hammer used for the purpose, and the clasp raised, falling on the finger. These blows were repeated twelve times, at each question of the Judge, until a confession, satisfactory to the Judge, was made—and these Religious Judges were as hard to satisfy as they are at present.

The Arm Rope

Was fastened on both arms with such force that the elbows met, causing great pain. The fleshy portions of the arms were often cut to the bone.

The Mask of Disgrace

Consisted of iron hoops and plates, and was closely tightened to the neck. It was a fearful machine, and was used on persons guilty for minor offences, covered with this Mask, they were publicly placed on the Pillory and brutally whipped and beaten.

The Church, in her loving-kindness for the stray lambs, adopted this mode to punish witches and restore the erring to her fold.

From Anthony Gavin's *Popish Church*, 1837, page 300, I copy the following:—

The Dry Pan and Gradual Fire

Are for Heretics, and those that oppose the Holy Father's (Inquisitors) will and pleasure, for they are all put naked and alive into the pan, and the cover of it being locked up, the executioner begins to put in the oven, a small fire, and by degrees he augments it, till the body is burnt to ashes.

It was generally situated in the cellar of the Inquisition, and consisted of an Oven and a large brass Pan upon it, with a Cover of the same, and a Lock to it.

The Knife Wheel

Consisted of a hollow Wheel similar to a cheese box. It had a little window near the center, and an iron shaft thro' the center supported it from the ground. The inside was set with sharp razors, knives, &c.

It was used to punish those who spoke against the Pope and the Holy Fathers. They were put within the Wheel, and the door being locked, the executioner turns the Wheel till the victim is dead.

Pits filled with Serpents and Toads,

Were for those who contemned the Images, and refused to give respect to holy persons. The Snakes killed the victims, the Toads ate them, and the Snakes swallowed the Toads. (Second hand resurrection).

In Fox's *Book of Martyrs*, (a work that should be in every household), page 243, is an account of where a woman, with her sucking babe, were put in a sack and drowned because

she did not pray to the Virgin Mary while she was in childbed.

This mode of punishment and death was practiced by the Papal and Protestant Churches as late as the beginning of the present Century.

Another mode, was to throw the victims into the water with their feet weighted with stones, etc., and if they swam ashore they were considered guilty, and either hung or burned; but if they drowned, they were surely innocent, and prayers were offered for the repose of their Souls.

Ship-loads of unfortunate beings, with the hatches battened down, were towed into the center of deep rivers and there sunk—men, women, and helpless children—guilty and innocent, all suffered alike.

It is horrible to contemplate—but the truth must be told.

EMANUEL M. JONES.

Philadelphia, Pa.

To be Continued.

Contributed to The Watchman.

VIVISECTION.

Vivisection is the cutting up of animals alive by anatomists.

In Europe alone, over 42,000 dogs are destroyed every year by Vivisection, besides thousands of cats, rabbits, guinea-pigs, horses, &c.

Two Vivisectioners lately proposed, in the London *Spectator*, that condemned criminals should be given over to the Vivisectioners, instead of innocent dogs and cats. Oh, virtuous (?) Vivisection!

Here in the United States, in the State of Ohio, one Vivisectioner alone, is reported to have sacrificed 3000 animals.

Let it not be understood that this is done under the influence of chloroform, and is excusable because in the interests of Science.

These are pretexts, not facts. No chloroform is used.

"To produce more intense pain, he (the Vivisectioner) was obliged to experiment with inflamed wounds."

Claude Bernard, one of the most persevering Vivisectioners, lately died, making the admission:—

"I pass away with empty hands. Nothing of value has been accomplished yet."

Recently, an unhappy dog, strapped down by his tormentor, broke loose, lacerated by the knife and chisel of the Vivisectioner, and putting his paws around the neck of the inhuman fiend, licked his face, as tho' supplicating mercy—but found none.

We live in a Christian land, and the dark misdeeds of the Inquisition are so long ago as to be forgotten or excused.

"Light in Dark Places," by Miss F. P. Cobbe, the opponent to Vivisection, tells much more than the above.

"The Miseries of Outcast London," by the Queen's Son-in-law, displays tender-hearted Christianity of to-day, toward poor Humanity, and is equal in atrocity to Vivisection of brutes—it tells of misery and poverty, side by side with wealth and luxury.

"The History of New York," is parallel to that of London, if not worse.

And the unwritten History of Chicago, and other large cities of America, in atrocious crimes and degradation, is appalling.

I claim that a false Religion and an unfair distribution of property are the great sources of crime, cruelty, poverty, insanity, disease, and degradation accumulating around us.

I claim that the Government recognizes and favors false Religion, which it should let alone.

And I claim that the unequal distribution of property is mainly the result of the last 20 year's vicious Legislation in favor of monopoly and against honest labor.

But as I have unwittingly digressed from cruel Surgery, to Politics as cruel, it is time to halt.

Those who wish to learn more about Vivisection than the above slight sketch, can see it in the New York *Truth Seeker* of March 8, 1884, page 150.

F. J. EMERY.

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Written for The Watchman.

ANGEL VISITANTS.

Yonder from those realms supernal,
Wherein are their homes eternal,
Our angel guides appear—
Giving truths and consolation
That will prove our Soul's salvation,
And whisper words of cheer.

That will urge us now and ever
On to every new endeavor
That the Soul can realize—
Here to form those homes in heaven
That unto mortals all are given—
Those mansions in the skies.

Ever adding to the luster
Of the jewels that will cluster
Around our crown so bright—
By that glorious Soul unfolding,
That our deeds & thoughts are molding
Into principles of right.

If we offer right conditions,
We'll receive those admonitions
From our loved ones ever near;
That will lighten all our burden,
Giving unto us hope's guerdon,
To remove all doubt and fear.

And by paying due attention
To the streams of inspiration
That into the Soul doth flow;
We will be given information
By the voice of intuition,
We yearn so much to know.

Clothed in habiliments of sorrow
We're ever waiting for the morrow
To usher in a brighter dawn—
That dawn that is so cheering
That our loved ones see us nearing—
Called the "Resurrection Morn."

JOHN WESLEY HOWLETT.

West Dedham, Mass.

Beware of those who are promising too freely. The earnest doer is chary of professions and promises, but labors to perform and to accomplish. Promise rarely and perform punctually. One broken promise clings to a man's character as a blot and a stain forever. Keep, then, the record-pages of thy life sacred to truth, honesty, and virtue and the tongue of slander will have no dread for thee, while thy own consciousness of an unsullied name, will render thee proud and happy.—*Elmina D. Stenker.*

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MENTAL POLARITY.

By DR. LA ROY SUNDERLAND.

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A combination of forces that tend
To centers, in all human kind;
To centers, invented, from end to end,
By fancies, in the human mind.

All atoms, and, in whatever station,
Are by a central force controlled,
Whence, we have the pole of gravitation,
That Planets to their centers hold.

The stone thrown up, comes quickly
down, again
By this same power in the pole;
A fundamental law, that should explain
The Christian's idol, in his Soul.

For this same law, is in the whole of
things—
All worlds, and in the mind the same;
In the Christian, as in all human rings,
And the creeds, of every name.

By this polarity the mind is bound
To its own idols, in the sky;
Thus, Christians and Churches, go
round and round,
Trusting, still, in a mystic lie.

Polarity controls the distant star,
And it controls your ideal;
All ideals near, or, of Gods, afar,
All are fancy, never real.

For thus, while the powers of thought
remain,
For aspirations, hope, and song;
The human mind, must seek relief from
pain,
From each, ideal, leaned upon.

And, the Christians lean on myths, in
the air,
By "faith" assured that all is true;
Thus they are deceived, by "faith"
and prayer,
As now explained and proved to you.

Thus, to the ridge "pole" Christians
pray and shout,
And worship, their own ideas;
Merely, what they can believe, with no
doubt,
And with groans, and prayers, and
tears.

And thus, is the mind, held fast in error
By the chains its own hands have
made;
By the same "faith", filled with joy or
terror,
And so preached as the preachers
trade.

And is there a hell hereafter or here,
Or any error now believed;
Like this when bamboozled by faith
and fear,
As Christians are when thus deceived?

This is proved by what all the old isms
do,
"Faith" in the isms is a power,
Whether Christian, Mormon, Shaker,
or Jew
From years of the Past to this hour.

And here is the way, this mischief is
done,
When people, by preaching, are
drilled;
When this faith is the most insisted on
And the Christian balloon is filled.

Ideals of myths, are formed in each
mind,

In this way, only, Gods are made;
Self-controlled as each one may feel
inclined
The germ first, and then, the full
blade.

As we grow, ideals are formed anew,
And of imaginary things;
Thus, are the fancies ever kept in view,
To which the Christian prays and
sings.

And now let him, that would be wise
and good,
Study the laws of his own mind;
Laws, never so likely, to be understood,
When once they have rendered you
blind.

Christianity is a blind, so great
That itself it can never see;
It shows for us only a Christian hate,
And is to man, an enemy.

We spurn all its notions of mystic
"grace",
Never by Science respected,
But always loathed by the human race,
And in utter scorn rejected.

Quincy, Mass.

Written for *The Watchman*.

HELL.

Hell, strictly speaking, is an imag-
inary weapon of importance in the
hands of a well drilled priestly organ-
ization.

The hell-governed are born in fear
of hell; reared in fear of hell; live
in fear of hell; die in fear of hell—
consequently, are hell-born, hell-
brewed, hell-bent, and hell-doomed—
they are hell-hounded, hell-haunted,
hell-brothed, and hell-blacked.

The following extract from Rev.
Mr. Furnis's sermon, shows to what
an extent hell-orthodoxy is carried in
Great Britain. He says:—

"We know how far it is to the
middle of the earth—it is just 4,000
miles; so, if hell is in the middle of
the earth, it is 4,000 miles to the hor-
rible prison of hell.

"Down in this place is a horrible
noise—listen to the tremendous, the
horrible uproar of millions and mil-
lions of tormented creatures, mad with
the fury of hell. Oh, the screams of
fear, the groans of horror, the yells of
rage, the cries of pain, the shouts of
agony, the shrieks of despair, from
millions on millions!

"There, you hear them roaring like
lions, hissing like serpents, howling
like dogs, and wailing like dragons!

"There, you hear the gnashing of
teeth, and the fearful blasphemies
of the devils.

"Above all, you hear the roar of
the thunders of God's anger, which
shakes hell to its foundation.

"But, there is another sound—there
is, in hell, a sound like that of many
waters. It is as if all the rivers and
Oceans of the world were pouring
themselves, with a great splash, down
on the floors of hell.

"Is it, then, really the sound of
waters? It is.

"Are the Oceans and rivers of earth
pouring themselves into hell? No.

"What is it, then?

"It is the sound of oceans of tears
running down from millions of eyes!
They cry forever and ever; they cry
because the sulphurous smoke tor-
ments their eyes; they cry because

they are in darkness; they cry be-
cause they have lost the beautiful
heaven; they cry because the sharp
fire burns them—the roof is red hot,
the floor is like a thick sheet of red-
hot iron.

"See, on the middle of that red-hot,
iron floor, stands a girl, she looks to
be about 16 years of age; she has
neither shoes nor stockings on her
feet—the door of this room has never
been opened since she first set her feet
on this red-hot floor—now she sees
the opening; she rushes forward—
she has gone down upon her knees
upon the red-hot floor: listen! she
speaks: she says:—

"I have been standing with my
bare feet on this red-hot floor, for
years—day and night, my only stand-
ing place has been on this red-hot
floor: sleep never came on me for a
moment that I might forget this hor-
rible, burning floor: look at my
burned and bleeding feet: let me go
off this burning floor for one moment
—only for a short moment. Oh!
that in this endless eternity of years I
might forget the pain only for one
single moment."

"The devil answered her question:
"Do you ask for a moment—for
one moment—to forget your pain?
No, not for a single moment during
the never-ending eternity of years
shall you ever leave this red-hot
floor."

It does not seem possible that such
abominable and foolish gibberish as
the above, would be listened to in any
partially enlightened Country, but it
is; and we are told that missionaries
must be sent among the heathen to
spread this same hell-gospel.

Between the Christian hyena-god,
and his aids-de-camp, the Christian
devils, there is concocted human suf-
fering enough to gratify the most ob-
durate savage Nation; and they
ought to know all about it, so as to
prepare themselves for a seat in the
Christian heaven where they can see
and hear this beautiful carnival of
suffering without the aid of an opera
glass or telephone.

A gory heathen ought to appreciate
such a spectacle, and, no doubt, would
receive these horrible, hell-advocate
missionaries with great rejoicing.

What heathen savage could listen
to Rev. Mr. Furnis's description of
his red-hot, torturing establishment
without feeling his heart rejoice with-
in him, without resolving, at once,
that he would make an effort to reach
a Christian standpoint, where he
could enjoy a sight so appallingly
gratifying to his Soul as this Chris-
tian hell.

He thinks of the happy hours he
has enjoyed viewing the sufferings of
his prisoners of war, as he tortured
them to death by scalping, skinning
alive, roasting with a slow fire, disem-
boweling, dismembering, and burning
alive: but what is this enjoyment
which only lasts while the victim can
stand it, compared with an ever-last-
ing, exhilarating, spiritual condition
of joy, one eternal jubilee of torture,
to the tune of God's thundering an-
ger.

If a promise of a perpetual exhibi-
tion of millions and millions of 16-
year-old ballet girls dancing, bare-
footed, on a red-hot stage, to devil
music, with millions and millions of
old men, mothers, and babes roasting,
in the background, would not make a

brutal savage long to be a Christian
angel, it is hard to tell what would.

A little more time; a little more
stamina: a few more radical Journals,
and this hydra-headed monster—Re-
ligion, with its sickening teachings,
will be held up to be viewed by the
masses, in all its deformity.

W. W. JUDSON.

Kansas City, Mo.

Written for *The Watchman*.

Memory and Hope.

Oh! the happy days of childhood,
Far back in the beautiful Past;
Like Autumn leaves in the wild wood,
Ye were far too bright to last:
Ye have passed and are gone forever,
All those happy, sunny days,
And ye'll ne'er return, no, never,
Naught but thy memory stays.

Oh! why do our spirits grow old?
And why does our youth soon decay?
And why does affection grow cold,
As we journey o'er life's rugged way?
I have asked of the stars in the heaven
And the waves of yon distant Sea;
But their answer to me was given,
'Tis earth's dark mystery.

But hope gently breathes on my ear,
And points to a land upon high,
Where affection's flower shall bloom
again,
And friendship never die.

Then I'll mourn no more for my
childhood,
Or sigh for the past and gone;
But I'll live for the distant Future,
Where youth again will bloom.

MRS. W. S. MOORE.

Stony Fork, Pa.

Written for *The Watchman*.

Dew Drops.

They do the least who talk the most;
Whose good designs are all their boast;
For words are dew.

They do the most, whose lives possess
The sterling stamp of righteousness:
For deeds are true.

And if the heart be pure and good,
The life will be just what it should—
Not dew, but true.

The morn immortal
Opes wide the portal,
Enter the Sun-born day;
Whose Soul desire
Is higher and higher,
Till noon is crowned,
And then to pass away

The Spring immortal
Opens wide the portal,
Enter the Sun-born year;
With life to dower,
Beast, bird, and flower,
Mid-summer to crown,
And then to pass away.

And life immortal
Flings wide the portal,
Enter the Sun-kindled "clay",
To burn each hour,
For fame, wealth, or power,
And fed or quenched,
At last to pass away.

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EDITORIAL.

Why James G. Blaine Should Not Be President.

The Country's most important question, which is to be settled before March 4, 1885, is, "Who shall be President of these United States of America for the next four years?"

The Republican Party have chosen to be represented by JAMES G. BLAINE, of Maine.

This same Republican Party professes to have the good of the American people at heart. They would have each citizen believe that the Republican Party would place at the head of America's Rule, a man who shall practically represent Equity and Justice to her people; one who shall enhance the Cause of Liberty and Equal Rights to all.

And JAMES G. BLAINE is chosen by this Republican Party to represent this Equity and Justice to American citizens.

How does his record stand? Has he proven, in the Past, that he was a friend to those most needing a friend? Has he ever shown, by his personal endeavor, a desire to better the conditions of the suffering poor, and of the working people who constitute the majority of the American citizens? What claim has he, on the hearts of a liberty loving people?

Let the following show how he, at present, allows Human beings to be used, and that, too, while in his own employ.

"Pauper Labor Preferred to that of Skilled Mechanics in Blaine's Mines.

"Special to the Chicago Daily News.

"NEW YORK, July 20.—Henry Richards, a Pennsylvania miner, arrived here to-day to visit friends. He is well posted, and says that in parts of West Virginia and Pennsylvania Blaine and Elkins own a lot of mines in which human beings are treated worse than dogs.

"They run their property on the principle that no Irishman or skilled mechanic need apply," said Mr. Richards. "Blaine claims to be a friend to the Irish. It is a positive fact that in Blaine's mines no Irishman can get work. Blaine employs pauper labor—Italians and Scandinavians who work for 60 cents a day. In the mining regions of Virginia and Pennsylvania there is a decided opposition to Blaine. Not one laboring man in a thousand will vote for him. He is unworthy of their support. He has been a monopolist all his life. He is a monopolist now and will ever be. He considers 60 cents fair remuneration for a day's work in the mines, and when he cannot get men to work at that rate he imports paupers who will work for almost anything."

This statement is doubtless the unvarnished truth.

Again, if Blaine be a monopolist, then he is not the man to represent the CONSTITUTION of the American Government. The President should be "for the people,"—not for usurpation of power, and monopoly of gain.

JAMES A. GARFIELD and JAMES

G. BLAINE were a team well matched, altho' circumstances prevented Garfield from being shown in his true light to the American people. And, therefore, in following the sensational ending of Garfield's life on earth, the American people have blindly shut their mouths and eyes against his principles thro' life, and have classed him among their honored (?) dead.

Why will the American people be so blind?

Shall the Republican Party be allowed to establish the mate to Garfield—JAMES G. BLAINE—in the honored seat of America, as its leader and representative? Has not the American Government suffered enough at the hands of Party monopolists?

We speak the truth, and all honest Liberalists will agree with us when we say that:—

Not since the time of our honored

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

has American Citizenship and American Principles been honorably represented by Presidential elections.

It is a well attested fact, that since the late civil War, the poor have become poorer, and the rich, richer. And why is this?

It is because of the usurpation, by Party and Clique, of the advantages of a free Government.

These advantages have induced men with heavy responsibilities, to vote for whoever represents the strongest Party—hoping, thus, to secure a more independent position in life; while the ignorant, unprincipled voter will sell his vote for a few dollars and as many drinks of liquor.

And this is passed off on American soil as a rightful representation of electoral Government.

Shame! on all who participate in such proceedings!

There is need enough for the intellectual Women of America to come forward and rescue the American Government from such besotted control.

No Liberalist or Free-thinker should pass these truths idly by; they should not be content to move with the more thoughtless and ignorant masses; they should not cast their vote for a man whose record shows one act of unprincipled monopoly and trickery. Better not vote at all, than to aid in falsely representing the Principles of a true Government.

Liberalists, Spiritualists, and Free-thinkers represent nearly two-thirds of the American citizens—and shall they not be heard?

What they need is encouragement, and a rightful understanding of the needs of a true Republic.

There are thousands of liberty loving men and women who, while they know and feel that there is a something, they know not what, that is

undermining this true Republic form of Government in these United States of America; and because they do not know in just what course to look for it, they allow their minds to be led by the opinions of the day—like a great tidal wave which sweeps all before it: so does each Political campaign sweep from these unguarded ones, their better thoughts, hopes, and desires; and they move on with the others, and their vote is cast, yet, they could hardly tell, for what.

But thanks to the powers of light, and spiritual development, there are many hundreds of Liberalists and Free-thinkers who do see the cause of this gradual undermining of American Principles, and are actively trying to prevent the final result, by arousing those who do not see, but are willing to be shown, and who, when once convinced of the state of affairs, will arouse to the work of Political Reform.

And this Reform will begin by reserving each vote until a candidate of the strictest Principles, as well as one who is unpartisan to any Religious authority, is chosen to rule the American Nation.

Every Liberalist and Free-thinker should feel sufficient interest in the affairs of this Republic, to note carefully the following letter written by JAMES G. BLAINE, dated Washington, D. C., March 10, 1876, which we copy from the *Spiritual Offering* of July 5, 1884.

"It will be recollected, that Mr. Blaine was then a prominent candidate for the nomination of President. Those opposed to him circulated the report, that he was a Roman Catholic. An intimate friend wrote Mr. Blaine upon the subject; in his answer after denying the charge the following paragraph occurs:—

"But while thanking you for what you have done to set my Pittsburg friends right on this question, I will never consent to make any public declaration upon the subject, and for two reasons: First, because I abhor the introduction of anything that looks like a Religious test or qualification for office in a Republic where freedom of conscience is a birthright of every citizen; and, second, because my mother was, as you well know, a devoted Catholic. I would not, for a thousand Presidencies, speak a disrespectful word of my mother's Religion, and no pressure will draw me into any avowal of hostility or unfriendliness to Catholics, tho' I have never received and do not expect any Political support from them. You are at liberty to show this to the gentleman who urged you to write to me. Many thanks for your kind invitations, but I can hardly promise myself the pleasure of a visit to Western Pennsylvania this Spring. You know, however, that a large part of my heart is always in the Monongahela Valley. Always and sincerely your friend.

JAMES G. BLAINE."

The above letter, which openly stands as the sentiments of JAMES G. BLAINE, may strike the casual reader as being strictly loyal to the mandate of this Republic form of Government,

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wherein the CONSTITUTION says: Each citizen shall worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience.

If that view alone, was all that could be extracted from the sentiments of JAMES G. BLAINE, then we could fully agree therewith, but, to follow it still more closely, and note, as he says:—

"I would not, for a thousand Presidencies, speak a disrespectful word of my mother's Religion, and no pressure will draw me into any avowal of hostility or unfriendliness to Catholics."

What does this reveal to the close observer?

That he will not be drawn into "any avowal of hostility or unfriendliness to Catholics," shows that, thro' him, the Papal Church will have a strong hold upon the United States, should he become President thereof.

And if, while he be President, the Church of Rome shall order its subjects to throttle the voice of the Liberal Press—which it is only abiding its time to do—then the President, because of his mother's views, will not avow hostility to the usurpation of this Creedal monster, but will allow the Rights of American Citizens to be trampled upon and crushed.

This is another reason why JAMES G. BLAINE should not be President of the United States, he having once avowed such sentiments in favor of the deadliest enemy free America has got, that of the Romish Church with her Papal authority for enslaving Souls.

Neither JAMES G. BLAINE, nor any other person who proclaims or entertains such hostile views to Liberalism should ever receive the vote of Liberalists, Spiritualists, or liberty loving Americans.

If, indeed, Liberalists and even those who love and respect the rights of their American freedom, shall aid to Office any one man who is not opposed to oppressive and Religious authority; then those same persons will be guilty of violating the CONSTITUTION of American Liberty. Because every office holder who favors, either from personal or from partisan reasons, the principles of the Papal Church, will add to the final overthrow of the Republic.

The American Nation, as a Nation of personal liberty, is fast becoming overthrown, and will soon be in the power of Ecclesiastical rule.

This has been the one object of the Papal Church: and its adherents have worked slowly, yet surely: and that work has been executed by the introduction of Papal advocates into every seat of Political and Governmental office, until, to-day, in all our great cities, the bigoted Catholic holds the power to govern citizenship.

The Police force is principally composed of Catholic adherents,

And thro' this public office, the Papal Fathers glean many a secret of how and where to strike the Liberal ranks of American Freedom.

And who is to blame for this inroad of public power and office which the Papal Church, thro' its subjects, has made on these American shores?

It is hard to tell who—but it is easy to see that the Goddess of Liberty of the American Nation, thro' foreign immigration, is fast losing her liberty cap; and that her arm will soon be powerless to wield her scepter of liberty and equity, unless the Presidency, the Senate, the House of Representatives, and each, in order be controlled by those who will protect American Freedom and American Citizenship from both Political and Ecclesiastical usurpation.

Let liberty loving men and women save this Country from ruin, by works of Reform in Political government.

Do not be discouraged at the outlook, but bear in mind that thousands of liberal workers are waiting for the aid of one another.

This Political question will be settled by you, if you will but act, by protesting against any but a liberal-minded, unpartisan President of the United States.

Contrasts of Life.

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sexual passions; where the law of mental and sexual reciprocity shall be taught to them, as the foundation on which is based the true monogamic marriage.

When these reformatory branches of education are established for those on earth, there will be more inspired teachers whose mission it shall be to point out to the world, those who are the parents of a Re-incarnated spirit; and those who are but the victims of passionate excitement: and such cases shall not be treated as a crime, but as a malady needing moral and dietical reform.

These Reformers are sure to come to the denizens of earth *en masse*, for they have already descended to the minority: and yet, in an hundred years, the majority will grasp these teachings as the method of salvation to themselves.

The children's children of this present generation will feel the results of the present stage of moral corruption, and will be ready and eager to adopt this higher and more spiritual (not Ecclesiastical) system of Social life.

The majority of earth's inhabitants will have become sufficiently accustomed to, and developed in the laws of spirit and Soul life, that they will the more readily understand the value and process of Re-incarnation. They will not blindly give way to mere physical pleasure, but will accept coition on the principle of Soul development, which, when governed by Soul-force, never errs, never prostitutes, and never infringes upon the rights of a second or third person.

These statements are strictly moral: they are strictly in keeping with the divine law of being—they are not in accordance with the accepted theories of this present generation of thought, but they will serve to lead others to think, and, thus, prepare the next generation to grasp, more easily, the deeper revelations which shall be given unto them, thro' their mental development.

We have had submitted to us, a number of questions on Re-incarnation, which we will answer soon—perhaps, in our next.

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"Driven from Home to Die in Shame."

Editor:—We recently saw an article in the Quincy Journal, headed—"Driven from home to die in shame."

Miss Ida Aubray, niece of Ex-mayor Stansbury, of Baltimore, Md., a reigning belle, is the victim.

We hope, in the near future, that mothers will consider it a disgrace to have their daughters advertised by that trifling name.

It conveys an idea of a young lady desiring flattering attentions from duds—as honorable men will not stoop to follies so degrading.

It appears that Miss Aubray became engaged in marriage to a cousin, (his name is concealed—no doubt to screen him and his family name from disgrace), and shortly afterwards, the latter seduced her, under promise of early marriage.

When her mother discovered her condition, she drove her daughter from her luxurious home, to die in the almshouse, without a mother's, sister's, or brother's sympathy; or one ray of consolation or prayer offered to the Christian idol for her deliverance this side of paradise.

But there were innumerable angels of loving tenderness sent from the throne of love and mercy who received her suffering spirit as tenderly as an infant born into this Sphere.

How different the treatment of that suffering girl would have been, if the ceremony of marriage had been performed that would have bound the hypocrite to her by the law of our Country!

She would have had the kindest attention of friends—a husband who should have loved her more than himself, who would have rejoiced that a child was born—an immortal spirit to live with them eternally, in the Sphere of progression, in love and mercy.

We know that the spirit entity of Ida Aubray is with us impressing her sufferings upon our brain until our eyes are blinded with tears. Our spirit friends say that she is present—and we do not feel a shadow of doubt but that she is here in youth, beauty, and purity, laboring to bring the light of loving-kindness into the hearts of those who have abused her.

The innocent must suffer for the guilty.

She is impressing us to write these lines to mothers—teaching them, by her sufferings, to have mercy on their children when they err.

Is this a Christian civilization that we live in, where two persons are allowed to torture a young girl only 18 years old—murder her in the most cruel, hard-hearted manner conceivable, and they not receive condemnation as they deserve?

Why should that innocent girl have been abused? She had not done anything herself to injure another—but

had listened to the lying tongue of a villain—and he is at liberty, and moving in the same Christian society.

If the love of Christ had ever penetrated that mother's heart, she would not have turned her daughter into the street to die as a pauper.

We believe in justice and mercy, yet our judgment would sentence that criminal to labor on the street, with a ball and chain attached to his leg, and to board in the almshouse, where his victim died, until he could understand the enormity of his transgression.

If Mrs. Aubray had been willing to drink half the bitter cup that her daughter drained to the dregs; If she had embraced that opportunity that will never occur again, and done the noble deed of charity to her erring child, by treating her with kindness and commiseration, she would have raised herself one step in the true path that leads toward the Mount of Perfection, where peace and contentment fills the Soul.

MRS. M. MERRICK.

Personality of God.

At a meeting in MERRICK HALL on Sunday, May 25, 1884, B. F. Holbrook read an Article on the "Personality of God"; and it affords us an opportunity to express the ideas that have been revealed to us by the Band of Intelligences who meet at this spiritual center.

We cannot reason on any subject, without knowledge or precedent: and as no man has seen God at any time, we cannot imagine a person or form that could fill the vast fields of Space and be present everywhere, as the atmosphere is that we breathe to sustain our physical bodies.

The first idea that we received from the eternal world, was thro' a gentleman medium—a stranger—he sat beside us in a circle of five persons, he was controlled in a moment, and the spirit said:—

"I was a Grecian Philosopher when I lived in the Sphere of earth—the spirit-world is God."

Then he left the medium.

We had not heard this idea advanced before, and concluded not to mention it, for fear of shocking the feelings of those who believed in a personal God.

We enquired of the Lord or spirit, (as the Children of Israel did thousands of years ago), if this revelation was the truth, and received an answer in the affirmative.

By impression, we find that the idea of the Supreme Soul-essence is not an individual or person, but is spirit, and corresponds with the solar orb, (as Swedenborg declares), filling the spirit world with intelligence, as the Sun fills the Universe with rays of light; or, as the Ocean of water is composed of individual drops: God fills all Space, and is composed of individual spirits; and, like the rain drops, spirits of mortals descend and flow together and produce the wonderful phenomenon of life.

Recently, a healer came to our place, to treat a patient, and was controlled by an Indian.

After the treatment, he said, "Me want to talk to white squaw," and sat down by the table and said:—

"If me want to go way to high, happy hunting ground—be right here.

If me want to go to Denver, or England, me there quick. When Indian live here in tribe, have big Chief, and have big Chief in spirit land. When two Chiefs fight here, two Chiefs fight in spirit land, and big Chief know nothing about it."

Jesus said, all power is given to me, altho' I can do nothing of myself—my Father is greater than I am.

Look at his words and teachings with an unprejudiced mind, and you will perceive that they correspond with the Indian's revelation—and Jesus had a big Chief and an innumerable band of spirits from the Sphere of love and mercy to sustain and co-operate with him, and he lived, moved, and labored in the pure spirit of love to Humanity.

The revelations we have received by co-operating with the Band of spirits meeting with us, do not teach of a personal God or individual mind, but all minds are one, all things, both spirit and matter, are a unit.

To our understanding, God and man are one.

Jesus said, I and my Father are one—and he was a man.

The whole is greater than a part, as the Ocean is greater than a drop of water.

Man is a microcosm and legitimate child of the spirit world.

Deity—the Supreme Soul—is all there is, all there ever was, and all there ever will be in which we live, move, and have our being, and it is not a person or mind, but fills all Space, and we are a part of the Supreme Soul, and cannot be separated therefrom, nor be annihilated.

Jesus said, call no man father, on earth, as you have one Father in heaven—which is here, as the Indian said—happy hunting ground is here; and happiness or heaven is in the Soul of man, or not at all.

The Scientist looks thro' the microscope and beholds the Kingdoms of Life in the Atmosphere, Mineral, Vegetable, and Animal, but he has not yet discovered the instrument that will enable him to peer into the spirit realm or fourth dimension of Space, which is as full of spiritual elements, as the Atmosphere is of atoms.

The Orthodox idea of Deity, we understand, is one personal God composed of three persons—God, the Father, God, the Son, and God, the Holy Ghost—equal in power.

We once heard an Elder of a Baptist Church illustrate the idea of the Trinity, by three lighted candles producing but one light.

Heathens built their Gods of wood and stone, and imagined that they contained more power by having many heads or faces; and from that source the idea may have originated, of one God having three Souls.

Moses was a medium, and was inspired by advanced intelligences; and thro' his mind, the Ten Commandments were revealed to the minds of earth, and are the Science or true life for man to live.

Jesus said to the Lawyer, keep my Commandments and you will inherit eternal life. There is nothing said about praying, offerings, or administering sacraments, as the Catholic Episcopal Church teaches, for the cure of the Soul.

One of its Prelates gave us his idea of the Jehovah they worship, in these words: viz.:—

"God is seated upon a throne, and Jesus Christ before him, showing his wounded hands, and making intercession for us."

What is blasphemy, if this idea is not? MRS. M. MERRICK.

ORGANIZATION.

Dear Editor:—We are making slow progress in Quincy, Ill., but recently, we have taken a step on the first round of the ladder of progression, and have succeeded in organizing a Society named, MERRICK HALL SPIRITUAL SOCIETY, with Constitution and By-laws. It is a very small beginning—few in numbers, but strong in purpose.

We intend to establish a moral, religious institution on the Rock of Ages; and erect a spiritual temple, wherein the corner-stone shall be love to Humanity; and its walls of precious stones laid up with good deeds and loving sympathy for the unfortunate, undeveloped children of our spiritual Father—those by whom offences must needs come. The spiritual New Jerusalem that John saw on the Isle of Patmos, descending from the heavenly Spheres, and filling the minds of the people of earth with supernal light, that will illuminate the whole Universe of Souls.

And in this grand temple will be taught the Science of the Soul, and the Philosophy as demonstrated in the life of the Nazarene. Here, the principles of right and justice will be established and practiced towards each other. Here, the Goddess of Liberty will reign supreme: and the Tree of Freedom will grow and spread its branches to this light, and be forever green; and minds will be led in the highway of happiness unto a belief in a Supreme Power—the Infinite spirit of Love and Wisdom—Supremacy of Goodness and Truth; Immortality of the human Soul; communion with the spirit world; and the development of man's mental, moral, religious, and spiritual nature.

When this spiritual temple, not made with hands, eternal in the spirit realm, contains the principles herein expressed, the Golden Rule will be executed.

The door is open and all who desire to enlist in this grand Army of Progressive unfoldment, are cordially invited to enter, thro' this portal, into the spiritual fold, where peace and harmony prevails.

MRS. M. MERRICK.

Now is the time to use the talents entrusted to us for gaining other talents, and all understanding this (spiritual) law, and not fulfilling the same, when weighed, will be found wanting—a coin of little value, a counterfeit that will not pass at the bar of Justice, love, and mercy to our neighbor.

Love is the fulfilling of the law of life in all its variations—hate, revenge, and cruelty are the reverse, the transgression of that law. And all who transgress a law, must suffer the penalty. M. M.

When men & women come into harmony, each one takes his place in the ranks of the grand army of progress, & is willing to fulfill his destiny, peace & happiness will prevail on earth. M. M.

THE WATCHMAN.

Editor of The Watchman:—

Believing that you are doing a great, good work, and in the hope that you will do a still greater work by special attention to the facts and suggestions of the enclosed slip which I send you.

It does seem as tho' the more tender sympathies of Women should be called forth in behalf of the Race from whom we have derived our Country and our Indian Corn; and who have suffered so long and so much from our perverted civilization.

If the Doctrine of Evolution from the atom to the monkey, and thence, to the man is true; and that the stock jobbers in Wall St., N. Y., are called "Bulls" and "Bears", because they hook and hug all they can: it may be that the robbery and abuse of the Indians, is on account of the transmission of ancestral proclivities.

Mankind, like trees, are known by their fruits. It seems to me that this fact needs to be more fully realized.

The mistakes of the Past have been the belief that Mankind are necessarily born helpless sinners, and can only be saved by certain beliefs.

But the idea now is, that the Human Race has come up from a very low origin to the present status, and that by attention and culture of the best and noblest faculties, we shall all attain to a condition but "a little lower than the angels."

With this in view, there should be a more marked appreciation of all that is truly humane, wise, and good, in contrast with what is merely animal selfishness.

For want of this, there are many whose education is but savageism intensified by Science—the man is really below the horse upon which he rides; and the Christian teacher is, too often, morally below the untaught Indian.

Let it be widely known that avarice, oppression, and cruelty belong to the brute, but are unworthy of the MAN.

Yours Truly,

JOHN BEESON.

Tallant, Jackson Co., Oregon.

[The following is the article referred to in the above. It was first printed in the San Jose, Cal., Mercury.—ED.]

Can Ladies Do Anything to Protect the Indians from Lawless Outrage?

This question is suggested by the accounts so frequently published of cruel treatment of the Indians.

Judging from the general apathy, nothing can be done; hence, not any of the Political or Reform Parties in their speeches and platforms make allusion to these wronged people. Even the advocates of Women's Rights, and the Liberal Leagues, with their "nine demands", are silent relative to demands far greater and more pressing than all the nine put together, because these are sentimental, speculative, and unrealized by the masses, while that of the Indians is a matter of life and death.

If, as Politicians tell us, "Ours is a Government for the people and by the people," it follows, that, as the Women compose the majority of the people of the United States, they are the passive participants in these outrages, which for successive generations have been in constant operation until

habitual wrong doing has become a National heritage, accompanied with moral blindness, so that the majority of native born whites do not understand either the letter or spirit of the Fourteenth Amendment, which declares that:—

"All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States, and of the State wherein they reside."

The Fifteenth Amendment says:—

"The right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition."

If the Fourteenth Amendment had said all males, or all Negroes, instead of "ALL PERSONS," the Women and Indians might properly consider themselves excluded from citizenship; but as it is, not one additional word is needed to make every native born Woman and Indian a citizen of the United States of America, and it matters not whether the Women accept or refuse the honors of citizenship, they can not rid themselves of its responsibilities; and as they form at least half the people, it is clear that they share half the guilt of treating the Indians as tho' they were foreign invaders instead of fellow citizens and equal heroes of a common Country with themselves.

It is with reluctance that I present the following facts, but the unappreciated urgency of the case compels me to do it.

Lawless men have been in the habit of shooting Indians, or "bucks".

One man had a rifle upon which he showed eighty notches; each counted for an Indian, and he boasted that he should shoot 100 before he stopped notching.

Two different cases were published during the early settlement of Southern Oregon, where Indians were surrounded and every male shot. And in the annual report it was shown that several once powerful tribes now consisted principally of women and children.

These atrocities were not confined to the frontier States, for during the War in 1862 the Indians in Minnesota had been cheated out of their annuities for five years, and, as Judge Day (Secret Commissioner) reported, they resolved to fight rather than have their wives and children die like starved dogs. For doing this, after many appeals had failed, ten of their chiefs were sentenced to be hung.

There were a few persons who knew of the long suffering of the Indians, who made a great effort in their behalf; but there was one woman who wrote a report of her speech for a paper published in St. Paul, Minnesota, as follows:—

"When I said that if I were a man, I would hunt, shoot, poison, and kill Indians the same as I would wild cats and wolves, the applause was so loud and long that it seemed as if it would burst open the roof of the Church!"

I could fill a volume with facts in proof that this was only one of many like expressions of Public sentiment. But thank God for Progress.

Government is now educating Indian children, and it has discovered that with kind and wise treatment they are as apt to learn as the average

white. This fact indicates an answer to the caption of this article; and for the encouragement of ladies, I will give another fact: VIZ:—

A few weeks ago, the subscriber read accounts of Indians dying of starvation thro' official neglect. And of the Nez Perces who were wrongfully taken from their mountain home and were perishing in a sickly clime. Also of a band of 400 Indians who live on several small islands in the Columbia River, who have never cost the Government a cent, being threatened with expulsion from their heritage.

A Representative in Congress to whom a memorial in behalf of these people was sent, wrote me that he presented it. Yesterday, I received a letter from a distinguished Senator informing me that the Indian appropriation bill would pass with a provision for the return of chief Joseph's band of the Nez Perces Indians to their mountain home, and that a special agent from the Indian Bureau was sent to ascertain the condition of the Indians on the Columbia River.

The inference is clear that if a little effort of one has produced so much good for many, the united effort of the liberal of all parties would speedily relieve and bless the oppressed of all the Nations, and that the right action of American Women will aid the men to correct the prevalent debasing sentiment alluded to in an appeal which was published in 1863, and signed by ten pastors and ten leading citizens of New York headed by Peter Cooper, in which it was said:—

"That the public mind has been so long fed on falsehood that not only sympathy but common justice is well nigh extinct towards the Indians."

Ladies, the time has now come when you may enjoy the rights you want, by the use of those which by nature and by law are already yours. You have organized a Congress, you have command of the Press and of the Platform, you can write or speak, propose and sustain measures of public beneficence equal to the best Statesman either living or dead.

You have done an equal part in the production of the human race, it is now your duty to share an equal part in its Government; and if the powers that be, refuse to co-operate, you can express sympathy with personal needs, and broader views of National requirements sufficient to control the coming election of President of the United States.

And we may rest assured that when the Women have done their best to secure the rights of the Indians, the Men will recognize the equal rights of Women.

Respectfully,

JOHN BEESON.

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"Those persons who have attained to eminence in any vocation of life have followed a uniform course, that of earnest work and unwearied application."

"None are truly happy but those who are busy; for the only real happiness lies in useful work of some kind, either of the hand or the head, so long as over-exertion of either is avoided."

"It should be the aim of everyone

to be employed.

"If all Men and Women were kept at some useful employment there would be less sorrow and wickedness in the world."

"A kind word is never spoken in vain. It is a seed, which, dropped even by chance, springs up a beautiful flower."

"The public corruption, our municipal robberies and crimes, are due to the absence of private virtue, and simplicity of life and aim in the people at large."

Written for The Watchman.

LIFE BEYOND.

Eternal joys await the Soul
When free from forms of clay;
The human spirit like a scroll
Unfolds from day to day.

By progressive law doth rise
Bright, exultant, free—
Its unfolding power doth prize,
In humble ecstasy.

Pure and grand, it rises still
Toward a shining goal;
Where the power of love, at will,
Holds o'er all, control.

Helpfulness to those below
To guide their upward way—
Upon their pathway sends a glow,
Lest they go astray.

And by God's law progressive taught,
His children must obey;
Ere they can reach the goal they sought
Or bask in endless day.

Oh! bright Summer-land of song,
Home of the pure and blest;
Where the spirit toiling long,
At last finds peace and rest.

The spirit cleansed and washed in tears
As pure and white as snow;
In that land beyond the Spheres,
Eternal joys shall know.

All in the Summer-land who dwell,
Have felt loves chastening rod;
And have humbly said, "'tis well",
It is the Hand of God.

The life beyond, "within the veil",
The river, runs, of life;
And on its bosom glides a sail,
Away from storm and strife.

The placid waters smooth and grand
Were stilled by power of Will,
By him who, to them, gave command,
And saying, "Peace, be still."

And o'er the scene there flows a light
Of soft and mellow hue,
And gives to the enraptured spirit sight,
An enchanting view.

Along its banks the flowers grow
Amid the angel throng,
Where waves of music ebb and flow
From angel voice and song.

Yes, in the glorious Summer-land,
Basking in its bowers;
With white-robed angels hand in hand,
Pluck immortal flowers.

Land of beauty, where the Rose
Lives in undying bloom;
And Souls in fragrance there repose
Beyond the dreaded tomb.

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